

IN THE CLAIMS

1.(currently amended) A control method of controlling a second device connected to a first device, comprising:

~~by~~ executing a first program inputted to said first device from the outside; and

executing a second program prepared beforehand in said first device, wherein

the execution of said second program is operable to select a most desirable device as said second device is selected from among a plurality of devices connected to said first device as said second device and to obtain device information for the most desirable device, by executing said second program and

said first program is executed by using the device information of said selected for the most desirable device.

2.(currently amended) A control method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~selection~~ execution of said second program selects said second device is executed when information concerning said second device is not stored in ~~a connection device information~~ a storage section unit of said first device.

3.(currently amended) A control method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~selection~~ execution of said second program selects said second device is executed when a device instructed by information stored in ~~the connection device information~~ a storage section unit of said first device is not connected to said first device.

4.(currently amended) A control method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said connection device information~~ a storage section unit stores device type information ~~on~~ for the plurality of devices used at every type of devices connected to said first device, and execution of said first or second program is

operable to select ~~includes processing for selecting the type of device and the most desirable device is selected as said second device when the device of the type instructed by the program should be selected~~ based on the device type indicated by said first or second program.

5.(currently amended) A control method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the device information obtained by executing said second program is identification code information ~~granted~~ corresponding to said second device.

6.(currently amended) A control method according to claim 1, wherein execution of said second program ~~is a program for executing~~ enables processing on said second device to process data, said second device being connected to said first device through a bus line of a predetermined format.

7.(currently amended) A control method according to claim 1, wherein said second program sets ~~is a program in which~~ information concerning said second device ~~is set by a~~ predetermined input operation.

8.(currently amended) A control method according to claim 1, wherein said first program ~~is obtained when a signal transmitted from a broadcast signal transmission side through predetermined broadcast waves is received~~ to said first device.

9.(currently amended) A control method according to claim 1, wherein said first program is ~~obtained when a signal transmitted through a wired broadcast is received~~ to said first device.

10. (currently amended) A control method of controlling a second device connected to a first device, comprising:

~~by~~ executing a first program inputted to said first device from the outside; and

executing a second program prepared beforehand in said first device, wherein

~~when an abnormality occurs in the control of said second device and said control is ended due to an abnormality,~~
information concerning said second device that was obtained upon
during execution of said second program is stored in a
predetermined storage section unit of said first device and the
next time said first device selects a controlled device, said
~~second-controlled device is selected based upon the~~ information
stored in said storage ~~section~~unit.

11. (currently amended) ~~A control~~Control equipment, comprising:

a first storage ~~section~~unit for storing a first program inputted from the outside;

a second storage ~~section~~unit for storing a second program prepared beforehand and which is activated by said first program; and

a ~~processing section~~processor in which ~~respective that~~
executes said first and second programs stored in said
~~respective first and second program storage sections units~~are
executed, wherein

the execution of said second program is operable to
~~select the~~ a most desirable device is selected from among a
plurality of connected devices connected to the control
equipment by executing said second program stored in said second
storage section, and to obtain information of said for
theselected most desirable device, is obtained and

the ~~connected~~ most desirable device is controlled based on the obtained information.

12.(currently amended) A ~~control~~ Control equipment according to claim 11, wherein said ~~processing section~~ processor selects the most desirable device from ~~connected~~ the plurality of devices when information of a controlled device is not stored in said second storage section.

13.(currently amended) A ~~control~~ Control equipment according to claim 11, wherein said ~~processing section~~ processor selects the most desirable device from other ~~connected~~ devices among the plurality of devices when a device stored in said second storage ~~section~~ unit is not connected as a controlled device.

14.(currently amended) A ~~control~~ Control equipment according to claim 11, wherein said second storage ~~section~~ unit ~~is made to hold the~~ stores device type information ~~used for each of the types~~ plurality of devices and said ~~processing section~~ processor selects the most desirable device based on the device type ~~from among the types when a device of the type instructed~~ indicated by said first or second program ~~should be~~ selected.

15.(currently amended) A ~~control~~ Control equipment according to claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the information ~~obtains~~ obtained from said for the most desirable device when said ~~processing section~~ processor executes the ~~said~~ second program is information on an identification code ~~in~~ sectioned corresponding to said the most desirable device.

16.(currently amended) A ~~control~~Control equipment according to claim 11, further comprising an interface ~~section~~unit for communicating with said ~~processing section~~processor, wherein said ~~processor~~ obtains ~~the~~ information ~~on a connected~~ for the most desirable device by ~~a communication effected~~ through said interface ~~section~~unit and the ~~connected most desirable~~ device is controlled by said ~~communication effected~~ control equipment through said interface ~~section~~unit.

17.(currently amended) A ~~control~~Control equipment according to claim 11, further comprising:

an input ~~section~~unit for inputting ~~the~~ information concerning said ~~the most desirable~~ device; and

a remote control signal output ~~section~~unit for outputting a remote control signal of a predetermined format in response to a command from said ~~processing section~~processor, and wherein

said ~~processing section~~processor obtains ~~the~~ information ~~on for the connected most desirable~~ device from said ~~input unit~~ by ~~the input to said input section~~ and said ~~processing section~~processor ~~causes said~~ generates the remote control signal based on the obtained information.

18.(currently amended) A ~~control~~Control equipment according to claim 11, further comprising a ~~receiving section~~receiver operable to receive ~~of a~~ broadcast signal of a predetermined format, and wherein said first program ~~is~~ contained in ~~a the~~ broadcast signal ~~received at said receiving section is and~~ stored in said first storage ~~section~~unit.

19.(currently amended) A ~~control~~Control equipment according to claim 18, wherein said ~~receiving section is a~~ ~~receiving section for receiving~~ receiver receives a satellite

broadcast signal relayed by a predetermined artificial satellite.

20. (currently amended) ~~A control~~ Control equipment according to claim 18, wherein said ~~receiving section~~ receiving ~~receives~~ is a receiving section for receiving a signal transmitted by a wired broadcast.

21. (currently amended) ~~A control~~ Control equipment, comprising:

a first storage ~~section~~ unit for storing a first program inputted from the outside;

a second storage ~~section~~ unit for storing a second program prepared beforehand and which is activated by said first program; and

a ~~processing section~~ processor in which ~~respective~~ said first and second programs stored in said respective storage sections are executed, wherein

execution of said second program is operable to obtain information on a ~~connected~~ most desirable device ~~is obtained by executing a second program stored in said second storage section, and the~~ connected most desirable device is controlled based on the obtained information, and

when control of the most desirable device is ended due to an abnormality, said processor selects the most desirable device the next time said control equipment selects a device to be controlled~~when an abnormality occurs in the control and the control is ended, the controlling device is selected at the time of the next control.~~